

CYNGOR CYMUNED LLANBERIS

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 2023 MEETING

1 WELCOME

Minutes of the monthly Council meeting held on Wednesday 11th January, 2023 at 7pm in Y Ganolfan, Llanberis. The Chairman (LIHP) welcomed members and wished them a Happy New Year.

2 PRESENT AND APOLOGIES

Padarn Ward: Emlyn Baylis, Gwilym Evans, Kevin Morris Jones, Cllr. Kim Jones, Nia Jones, Louise Price, Helen Sharp

Peris Ward: Iola Owen, Llinos Haf Pritchard,

Apologies: Rhys ap Gwilym, Iwan Harding, Heather L Jones

Also present: Dei Tomos (Clerk).

3 DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

Will be documented where relevant.

4 CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday, 14th December, 2022 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed and seconded: KMJ / IO.

5 MATTERS ARISING

1. *Ger y Llyn Playground:*

In order to comply with insurance, signs denoting 'age' have been placed on the equipment.

2. *Blaen Nant, Nantperis:*

Letter received from the Director of Planning and Land Management, Eryri National Park Authority (ENPA) responding to the questions asked regarding the absence of a planning application for a property in Llanberis Pass. According to the letter, planning application was not necessary for a 'garage' as long as it was within the property boundaries and conformed to the dimensions allowable under the permitted development regulations as this was discussed by officials from ENPA and the owner in 2018. He stated that ENPA had stressed the need to adhere to the set dimensions and to stay within the property's boundaries. These regulations were broken and thus an application had to be submitted (months after this Council had drawn attention to this development). There was no explanation why this wasn't made clear to the Clerk at the time, but there was an apology for the delay in action. It was implied that this was caused by unfilled posts and increased work pressure.

It was agreed that the description of 'garage' was ambiguous, particularly since it wasn't mentioned in the application which specified an 'external building to include a workshop, store and office' and that further clarification should be sought.

3. *Llwybr Coed Nantucha':*

An officer from Cyngor Gwynedd (CG) has agreed to come to meet the Clerk to discuss the dreadful state of the footpath.

4. *Panel to appoint a Clerk:*

It was reported that the Clerk had distributed relevant paperwork to the panel but they have not met. The Clerk stressed the need for a meeting soon.

5. *Llainwen Ucha':*

Two objections have been made to the Council's request for double yellow lines to ease access to this area. As the Councillor, KJ will contact them.

6. *Courses for Councillors:*

The Clerk reported that he had received information about courses from One Voice Wales (OVW). He will circulate the information by email within the next few days with a reminder that every councillor is obliged to attend one course before the end of March.

6 OTHER MATTERS:

1. *Ffordd Capel Coch:*

It was reported that the road surface is in a very poor condition and the Councillor was asked to press for it to be repaired.

2. Pont Glanrafon:

Report received that children are playing on the bridge to the annoyance of residents. Related to this, concern was yet again expressed about the school related traffic on Lôn Tŷ Du.

3. Safety of Schoolchildren:

Members are still very concerned about parents acting irresponsibly as they drop off and pick children up on Lôn Tŷ Du. There has been an increase in the number of children using the bridge as well as in the number of cars. It was reported that some cars are parked for some time with engines running and some dangerous reversing. The Clerk was asked to contact the school, the police and the traffic warden to see if the situation can be improved before an accident happens. It was reported that the school Governors had discussed the matter, and the teachers have promised to keep an eye on the children as well as raising their awareness of the dangers (possibly by creating a video).

4. Sheep:

According to GE there is no evidence to support the claim that sheep come on to Stryd Fawr via the entrance to his property because he leaves the gate open. He stated that there have been no sheep grazing in the nearby fields recently and that he was disappointed that the farmer had not put a gate up to stop the sheep getting onto his land despite a promise to do so. When the sheep return, the problem will return unless a new gate is put in place to stop them getting onto his land. The Clerk will contact the farmer.

7 SMALL GRANTS:

Requests for small grant support received from several organisations.

It was agreed to give £350 to the following: Guides, Brownies and Rainbows; Côr Dyffryn Peris; Eco'r Wyddfa; Grwp Datblygu Llanberis Development Group and Llanberis Football Club.

• **Declaration of Interest:** KJ – Football Club; GE - Côr Dyffryn Peris; EB - Grwp Datblygu.

8 CORRESPONDENCE:

1. CG – Road closure notice:

Notice that the bridge at Penllyn will be closed for one day to allow filming.

2. CG - Bwlch Maesgwm Footpath:

Copy of a letter from DWW, CG's Head of Environment to the chief warden of ENPA drawing attention to the damage caused to the footpath following recent rain and floods. This Council has warned the authority about over – developing some of the paths, and this is the inevitable result. It was agreed not to write to the Authority but to wait for the officer's response.

3. Welsh Government (WG):

Note explaining that WG is undertaking a consultation to create guidelines on how public bodies look at commemorative and historical information e.g., statues, plaques, and street names that could cause friction and unease as people re-evaluate the history of Wales and commemorate this history in public to ensure an anti – racist Wales in the future.

4. Wales Planning and OVV Courses for members:

Both these bodies offer a number of courses. Details will be circulated and the Clerk will organise access to the courses.

5. Stryd Fawr – one-way:

Another request from a representative of the licensed premises in the village asking for this Council with CG to consider making the Stryd Fawr one-way. A similar request was received last year. KJ was asked to seek the opinion of CG traffic officers before proceeding any further. Several members of this Council have doubts about such an arrangement.

6. CG- Yr Wyddfa footpath:

Response to a request for signs to try to prevent cars travelling to the start of the path and then trying to turn back. One resident's car was damaged recently and there are reports that the number of cars manoeuvring is causing concern. CG is considering where to place the sign which would stop people having to turn back as they realise that there is no parking space.

7. CG- Public Path Orders:

The Public Path Orders for the paths leading from Llanberis to Betws Garmon parish have now been completed. Several paths begin in the Llanberis area but the changes that have been made are in the adjoining parish.

9 PLANNING:

CYNGOR GWYNEDD:

The Members had been notified about the following applications:

- **C22/1169/15/LL** - Llanberis Library, Ffordd Capel Coch – *demolish the Old Library and erect three affordable houses.*

Comments: The Council welcomes the plan to demolish the old library and the building of three affordable homes, but is concerned that there will not be enough parking space and realise that several residents of Ffordd Capel Coch will lose a place to park as a result of the development. The decision was made to ask CG, who is making the application, to take this into consideration and this Council will document the concern in a letter to the Planning Department. The importance of affordable housing in order to keep people in the village was noted and it was mentioned that CG have other plots of land in the village. Proposed and seconded: LHHP / LP

10 LICENSING:

CG - Brooke House, Stryd Fawr, Llanberis - Application for a licence to sell alcohol:

The application is for a licence from 06.00 to 23.00 in a new shop due to open here soon. It was reported that there is concern locally and the members sympathised with these concerns. It was agreed to object to the application and asking for a reduction in the hours, bearing in mind the homes in the vicinity and that Dolbadarn is home to some who have possible substance addiction. The call will be for a licence from 8am to 11pm, like other similar premises. Proposed and seconded: KJ / NJ

11 FINANCES:

1) In the Bank on 28th December, 2022

Current Account: £54,755.34 (less £5,269.50 uncleared cheques) **Deposit Account:** £66.64

2) Payments confirmed:

TOTAL £7,631.75

3) Received between 29/11/2022 and 28/12/2022:

TOTAL £1,465.00

Proposed and seconded: EB / HS

4) Budget and precept:

The Clerk presented a report on the yearly financial situation and the predictions for the end of the financial year. This has been a year of considerable spending to improve facilities for children and young people and it is pleasing to note that the play facilities in the village have been considerably improved over the past two years. Taking this into account and the predictions for spending in the next year, the decision was made to set the precept at £36,000, that is, an increase of £2,000. This equates to an annual increase of £2.51 per household in Band D. Whilst realising that every household is under financial pressure, it was agreed that this increase was necessary to ensure that the Council meets its obligations as well as keeping some money in reserve for any unexpected expenditure.

Proposed and seconded: IO / KMJ

12 NEXT MEETING:

Date of the next meeting: Wednesday 8 February, 2023 at 7.00pm in Y Ganolfan.

Signed as a true record: Chairman: Llinos Haf Pritchard Clerk: Dei Tomos

Date: 8 February, 2023

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